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STOCKPILE ISSUES TANTALUM/COLUMBIUM CONCENTRATES AMENDMENT

Fort Belvoir, VA—The Defense National Stockpile Center today issued Amendment No. 011 to Solicitation for Offers, DLA-Tantalum/Columbium Concentrates-001. The amendment solicits offers for the sale of approximately 1,738,565 pounds (624,443 Ta₂O₅ pounds contained) of tantalum/columbium concentrates. DNSC has the authority to sell an additional 530,000 Ta₂O₅ this fiscal year before maximizing the Annual Materials Plan. Existing Amendment 009 includes the requirement for bidders to submit financial information (income statement, balance sheets, other documentation) to the Tantalum/Columbium Concentrates Contracting Officer for evaluation to establish a bidder's financial exposure limit and to determine if a bidder is financially responsible. In addition, please see Section A.3 of the basic solicitation for licensing requirements.

The offering will be held on **Tuesday, May 27, 2003**. Offers are due by **10:00 a.m., local time**, at 8725 John J. Kingman Rd., Suite, 3229, Ft. Belvoir, VA 22060-6223.

The format of this sale is negotiated, which allows the Government to discuss issues regarding price, removal period, quantity, or other provisions to the solicitation.

Requests for copies of the amendment and other inquiries should be directed to Rossell Beckett (703) 767-5402.

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